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Title: LIQUID-CRYSTALLINE PHENOL ESTERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

91 4. (Amended) Phenol esters according to Claim 1, characterized in that  $M = 1$ .

8. (Amended) Medium according to Claim 6, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formulae I to IX in the total mixture is at least 50% by weight.

97 9. (Amended) Medium according to Claim 6, characterized in that it additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formulae RI to RVI